

Information for Travelers and Residents
Warden Message
U.S. Embassy Belmopan, Belize

Advisory #2

October 22, 2010

Tropical Storm Richard

The Government of Belize has issued a Tropical Storm watch for the coast of Belize.

The U.S. Embassy in Belmopan is issuing this second Warden Message to alert Americans to the potential dangers posed by Tropical Storm Richard.

At 3:00 PM, the center of Tropical Storm Richard was located near latitude 16.2 North, Longitude 81.7 West. Richard is moving toward the West near 5mph. A West to West-Northwest motion at an increasing forward speed is expected over the next couple of days. On the forecast track, Richard should approach northeastern Honduras late Saturday and could approach the coasts of Belize and southeastern Mexico late on Sunday.

Data from NOAA buoy 42057 indicate that maximum sustained winds have increased to near 45mph with higher gusts. Strengthening is forecasted during the next 48 hours and Richard is expected to become a hurricane over the weekend.

Tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 105 miles, mainly to the north of the center.

Estimated minimum central pressure is 1005 mb.

We advise all U.S. citizens and U.S. Government Personnel to take every precaution to keep your families safe and well provided for. Stay prepared with adequate water and food, and gas in your vehicle. Be cautious.

Monitor local radio and television stations for official updates on the progress of Tropical Storm Richard. You may also monitor the storm at www.nhc.noaa.gov or www.nemo.org.bz. Additional media reports may be

found at Channel 5 News Belize (<http://www.channel5belize.com/>), Channel 7 News Belize (<http://www.7newsbelize.com/>), and the Belize Tourism Industry Association (<http://btia.org/>).

We encourage U.S. citizens living or traveling abroad to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the State Department's travel registration website at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/> so that they can obtain updated information on travel and security. Americans without Internet access may register in person with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency.

For emergencies involving American citizens in Belize, please contact U.S. Embassy Belmopan. The U.S. Embassy is located in Belmopan City on Floral Park Road, telephone from the United States: 011-501-822-4011; telephone from within Belize: 822-4011 or after working hours at 610-5030. You may also contact the Embassy by e-mail at: ACSbelize@state.gov. The Embassy's Internet address is <http://www.belize.usembassy.gov/>.